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INGALLS ON KANSAS

(By JOHN J. INGALLS.)

Kansas is the nucleus of our political system, around which forces assemble, to which its energies converge, and from which its energies radiate to the remotest circumference. Kansas is the focus of freedom, where the rays of heat and light concentrated into a flame that melted the manacles of the slave and cauterized the heresies of state sovereignty and disunion. Kansas is the core and kernel of the country; containing the germs of its growth and the quickening ideas essential to its perpetuity. The history of Kansas is written in capitals. It is punctuated with exclamation points. Its verbs are imperative. Its adjectives are superlative. The commonplace and prosaic are not defined in its lexicon. Its statistics can be stated only in the language of the hyperbole.

The aspiration of Kansas is to reach the unattainable; its dream is the realization of the impossible. Alexander wept because there were no more worlds to conquer, Kansas having vanquished all competitors smiles complacently as she surpasses from year to year her own triumphs in growth and glory. Other states could be spared without irreparable bereavement, but Kansas is indispensable to the joy, the inspiration and the improvement of the world. It seems incredible that there was a time when Kansas did not exist; when its name was not written on the map of the United States; when the Kansas cyclone, the Kansas grasshopper; the Kansas boom and the Kansas Utopia were unknown.

I was a student in the junior Class

at Williams College when President Pierce, forgotten but for that signature, approved the act establishing the territory of Kansas, May 30, 1854. I remember the inconceivable agitation that preceded, accompanied and followed this event. It was an epoch. Destiny closed one volume of our annals, and opening another, traced with shadowy finger upon its pages a million epitaphs ending with Apomattox.

Kansas was the prologue to a tragedy whose epilogue has not yet been pronounced; the prelude to a fugue of battles whose reverberations have not yet died away. Floating one Summer night upon a moonlit sea I heard far over the still waters a high clear voice singing; To the West! To the West! To the land of the free, Where the mighty Missouri rolls on to the sea; Where a man is a man if he's willing to toil, and the humblest may gather the fruits of the soil.

A CASE OF SUSPENSION

The play "A Case of Suspension" given by Prof. Matthew's Oral English Class Friday evening was a success from start to finish and was attended by a good audience. The first part of the program was a monologue by Prof. Matthew entitled "By Long Distance." It illustrated the experience of a young man who on New Years Eve as he is looking over some old note books suddenly finds a note from a former friend and schoolmate. He immediately becomes interested and determines to find the whereabouts of the young woman. He

learns by the address that she is married and lives in Chicago. He calls central and asks for Chicago. He gets Chicago but finds that the desired party has'nt a phone so he calls for the nearest police station. After some delay the young man learns, the husband was arrested for wife beating and that he is an habitual drunkard. His interest is now aroused to its highest pitch and he is somewhat gladdened by further news that the husband is now dead. This gladness is offset by the knowledge he receives, informing him, the young woman no longer lives in Chicago but left at some past date for New York. He leaves orders with Chicago to charge the bill and calls for New York. He learns that she left New York for Philadelphia and he traces her from Philadelphia to Washington D. C. and finally succeeds in locating her in the very town where he is staying Boston. The young man makes arrangements to call upon her and is just ready to leave the room as the clock is striking twelve.

The second part of the program by the students showed how an inquisitive Professor was caught in his attempt to discover their mischief. He is brought into the room and given a chair. The students then have a lunch and invite him to eat with them. This he refuses to do and they gather around him and make him participate in a friendly dance. His movements at first are rather awkward but soon the old art returns and it is learned he can hop as well as any of them. When they are in the height of this amusement Miss Judkins another member of the faculty happens to drop in and is shocked to find the Professor engaged in such amusement. After some conversation the Professor persuades her to have a lunch with the students she agrees and after this both members of the faculty and students have a cance

Lyceum Society and Literati Entertainment.

The meeting held last Thursday evening by the Lyceum Society was well attended as the Literati dispensed with their program and attended the Lyceum in a body. A good program was rendered after which followed the debate, "Resolved that Representative Cone's Anti Sunday base ball bill is premature" The affirmative side handled by James Winchester and Jacob Weisner won out against the negative handled by Albert Whisnant and Anthony Unrein. After the debate the Lyceum Society was invited to the gymnasium where the members were entertained by the Literati Society. Here games were played in which all joined having a jolly, happy time. After the merriment, refreshments consisting of nuts and candy were served. This meeting demonstrated the friendship existing between the two societies and everyone felt that they had enjoyed a first rate time.

Perhaps some item of the Leader may not interest you particularly but remember the paper goes to many and it therefore must necessarily contain a variety of articles. If you are not exactly pleased remember you must share your beliefs with others. Console yourself by thinking of that.

Late hours do not seem to agree with Mr. Noll as he was unable to attend school the next day after the inter society social. He evidently "Needs" more sleep.

Sen. Benore of Labette Co. and Rep. Kyle of Marion Co. have little respect or sympathy for either dogs or Jack rabbits.

The Board of Regents was in session at the Normal the latter part of last week. Dinner was served them Friday by the Domestic Science Dept.

Y. W. C. A.

The series of talks on "Christ the Savior," "Christ, the Man" "Christ the Physician" and "Christ the Friend" have been completed. The study has proved interesting and full of new thought. Miss Hanna led the meeting on the study of "Christ the Physician." The girls were called upon to give expression to their own ideas and this gave everyone an opportunity to say to a small assembly what she thinks.

Miss Grass led the last meeting and she showed plainly that Christ is the One Friend who is not governed by any selfish motives. Who possesses and gives such a noble one to all mankind that it is difficult for man to appreciate even in a small degree, the depths of it.

A series of studies on the lives of great men and women will follow. Lillian Picken will lead next week. The Life of Alice Freeman Palmer is the subject.

You will find this life full of inspiration and help. Come and hear about it.

Entre Nous D. C.

Every member was present at the last meeting with the exception of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lahman. Word comes from Mr. Johnson who is now wandering over the State of Nebraska that he will be with us soon. Mr. Lahman is employed as Stenographer at the State Capitol. Every member had topics concerning the work of the State Legislature, the change of the programme proved to be a success and undoubtedly every member kept in touch with the events at Topeka.

This work will be continued throughout the session of the Legislature.

We have often heard of "fads" and "fashions" but the craze of wearing dollar bills was unknown to us until that wave struck the Normal a week ago.

The Delphian D. C.

The young men who compose our club are doing good work and are beginning to feel strong in their work.

We are all looking forward to the next term when C. E. Hall one of our ablest members will be with us again. Our Critic Mr. Matthew is now arranging for a series of joint debates with that wise and eloquent Entre Nous Club. If these debates are held the Delphians will put up some hard fights.

Mr. Noll was absent at our last meeting on account of sickness.

Ask Mr. Steed about corporations and the cost of a wagon.

Mr. Richmond will favor us with a talk on Prohibition this week.

Don't forget the girls basket ball game here Feb. 7th and 8th with Lindsborg. These games ought to bring out every one of the Normal students with good lungs ready for all kinds of rooting for the home team. Come out and yell don't forget it.

There has been much talk since July 4th last, about "The White Man's Hope," but if recent happenings, in the way of fist encounters at Topeka count for anything, we judge "hope" may yet be found among some of the legislators at the State Capitol.

Some kind hearted person dropped a tiny note into the Leader box asking who belongs to the tightwads at the Normal. We will suggest it is surely not the individuals who displayed Uncle Sam's currency so freely some time ago.

The joint debates between the Delphian and Entre Nous Clubs are now a sure thing. Both Clubs met last week and elected committees to confer with the critics in regard to choosing the speakers and questions.

The debates will probably be given sometime during the next term.

"The Returned Sailor."

Once again am I safely anchored.
And Bolted to the ship of life
Thrice I've wandered away from thee
Wandered away to greener pastures
But now do I wish to return to thee
Will you receive me and forget the
past?

Thrice I've been cast on the ocean
dark

To roam about I know not where
Thrice have I returned to thee,
These are troubles some do have
And I've had my share of them
But may we now be one forever?

On Saturday evening the much talked of skating carnival took place a jolly, good crowd was present and although the ice was a little rough the weather and lunar conditions were ideal and the jolly skaters proceeded to enjoy themselves gliding over the glassy surface of the ice (glassy in some places.) One especially enjoyable feature of the carnival, was the refreshments, consisting of doughnuts and coffee, prepared and served by the athletic girls, under the supervision of Miss Agnew. Over three hundred doughnuts and several gallons of coffee disappeared in a short time which was indeed gratifying to the athletic girls. Everybody seemed to have a good time, especially two or three very exclusive couples who apparently enjoyed the evening immensely. Who says skating is not a delightful pastime? Heres hoping we get some more good ice before the winter is over.

Many of the Normal students have been compelled to remain at home the past week on account of bad cold and the grippe.

How about those cheers Mr. Beeby received at the latest Lyceum meeting? He beat all the debaters when it comes to getting applause and he did not say anything either.

Girls Lose in Hard Fight at Lindsborg.

The Normal girls basket ball team won two glorious defeats at the hands of the Bethany College girls last Thursday and Friday evenings. in the hardest fought games ever seen at Lindsborg. The scores, 9 to 11 and 9 to 12 do not tell half the story. At the end of the first game the score stood 9 to 9 and as the teams were perfectly matched it took 16 minutes to play off the tie. Bethany finally made the lucky goal and the crowd went wild with excitement. The Normal girls proved themselves game losers and cheerfully prophesied better results for the next evening. Fate was against them however and tho they fought valiantly the pistol shot closed the second game with the score 9 to 12 in favor of the Sweeds. The features of the games were the fine team work of Bethany and the excellent plays of the Normal guards and centers. The Lindsborg girls served a delicious spread to the defeated team after the game Friday evening and the greatest good fellowship was displayed on both sides. Mr. Bice did splendid work as referee in both games. The trip home was a delightful climax to a very happy expedition with the single exception that one of the guards found the ride from Russell to Hays longer than all the rest of the journey. Miss Foster has the hearty thanks of all the girls for her excellent services as chaperone.

The return games are to be played in the Normal Gymnasium Feb. 7 and 8 and it is safe to believe that they will be among the most exciting games of the season. Come and bring your enthusiasm with you, help the girls to win.

The covers of this issue of the paper are the work of Claud Tilton the new assistant at the News Office.

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Miss Alice Lund left the latter part of last week for Wilson Kansas where she will fill the position as principal of the city school for a period of several weeks, the teacher of that place being sick.

The Staff of this paper with the exception of Miss Gill (she being a member of the Rhetoric Class) is earnestly looking forward to the time when the Rhetoric Class will get out the paper for one issue.

We have always heard it said that the best test of a speaker is to suddenly call him to the floor and require a two hours talk from him. We wonder if the same thing holds true with the editor who is obliged to rack his brain for an hour or two for enough material to fill the paper.

The increase in salaries of rural schools has been one of the most notable features of educational progress of the last few years. There are more rural schools teachers getting \$100 a month now than had \$75 two years ago, and more receive above \$50 than received above \$30 five years ago.

The Staff is very grateful to the individuals who contributed the few short articles found in the Leader box the past week. As a suggestion, just keep it up.

Many of the students have a sorrowful, downcast look, this being the end of the term. Never mind the examinations, just smile and the world will smile with you.

The bill, providing for the appropriations for the Normal Schools of Kansas as determined by the Board of Regents, was introduced in the senate by C. A. Stannard of Lyon Co.

By latest report we learn that Mr. Leighton is the champion whistler of the Normal, but we suppose if anyone desires a sample of his talent, they will be obliged to go out, somewhere on the 4000 acres owned by the Normal rather than listen to it in the halls of the building.

The latest issue of "The Club Member" contains the opinions of many prominent Kansas Mayors who favor woman suffrage. Perhaps the most striking one, is by J. A. Keeler, Mayor of Lawrence, who says: "Women take as much interest in local politics as do men. Women are strongly against anything which would not be in harmony with decency and good government, especially in questions of temperance and morality. Coming generations will look back in astonishment to the time when women were denied the right of suffrage."

We understand that Mr. Burkhead is prepared to give any information that may be asked about shower baths.

Remember the good advice given in the Leader some time ago, If the paper roasts you frequently don't take it seriously.

As the first issue of the Leader was a week late at the beginning of the New Year, it has been properly dated since, thus explaining the reason for the date on this issue.

Prof. Shively's advanced psychology class has been doing some reading in the Library in connection with the class work. This has been found especially interesting and instructive. The members are now studying Ross' Social Psychology as they have finished the required text.

Ask Freda why it seems such a long distance from Russell to Hays.

The grippe is indeed very popular everybody has it.

There will be a great scarcity of teachers next year, judging from the number of girls who are talking and planning to take Domestic Science.

The Mikado will be given here sometime in March. Practice in singing for it, has already begun. This production needs no recommendations as it was a grand success last year.

The students are getting many calls to the office these days. Nothing serious, only getting their work outlined for next term.

The class in Cicero will take up the study of Virgil the last two terms of the year.

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C. A. Harkness

There must be a tightwad club in the Normal. Who belongs?

Suppose the Literary Societies wake up awhile and give a few programs at the old stands.

We wonder if some of our students, who set around with a book, studying all the time ever think of the good advice given by Dr. Jewell and others concerning the small value of grades.

The Normal Cartoonist R. F. Morgan did some good work in connection with advertising the recent play. He is a number one fellow at the business.

The scores made in the recent games of basket ball with McPherson will probably recall to the minds of some the Pfeifer base ball game of a few years ago.

Mr. Lahman was called to Topeka last week to serve as a stenographer at the State Capitol. We understand he is giving excellent satisfaction and is a favorite among the legislators there.

Desired Courses

There seems to be an epidemic of some sort raging among some of our students.

The cases of those affected have been diagnosed and are said to be of a contagious nature. Now as a warning from an onlooker, don't come in contact too much with those affected, for there are cases in progress the outcome of which the writer fears

Whatever the case may be there is a growing demand for a course in Political Economy and Domestic Art. Among the most interested are G. C. Moore and Miss McCall Go. easy Grover.

The present week is a trying one on the Model School pupils, tests every day. They have our sympathy.

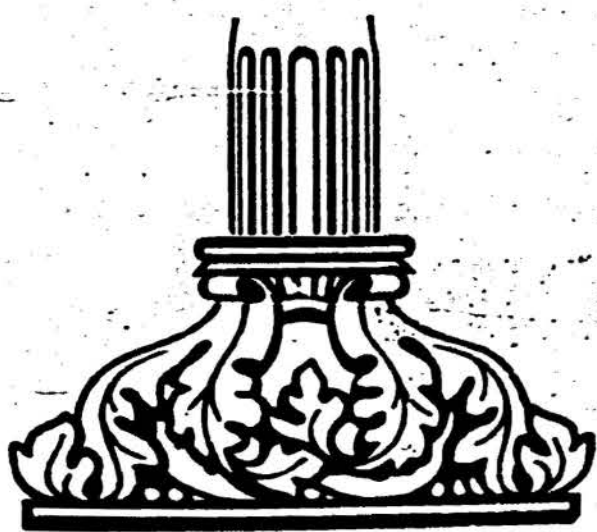
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Bills are out announcing the Second Annual Field Track and Forum Meet to be held here April 21st and 22nd. This was a drawing event last year and proved to be a very successful one. Many good athletic were listed who put up good work in the contests. We have not learned how many High Schools have entered but we judge it will be bigger and better than before. Be sure to attend it.

Every class has selected its colors. of course some are beautiful and others hideous. The younger student evidently know what nice colors are like, for they selected the best ones that are found among the Normals.

Several wrestling bouts have been pulled off lately in the Gym. Gotch had better not make his appearance around these parts or his wrestling days may be numbered.

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Now days the men who are doing things are the men who are most criticised. The same thing is true in every walk of life from the lowest to the highest. Watch the man who by living economically and who through thrift and toil amasses a small fortune and you will find that some man criticised by idlers and loafers who are too indolent to do anything either for themselves or for anyone else.

We have much too these days of dishonest methods—true it is, but cut the majority of the fellows, who kick the hardest in the same positions and they would be nine times worse. The fellow who succeeds in mastering the problems of life may expect to be criticised by those who have spent their time grumbling and complaining while he has traveled upward and onward to success.

The inter-society basket ball game will be pulled off sometime in the near future. Both societies have excellent players and it will probably be a close game. At present the Literati holds the cup.

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✓ Dwight Wooster of Emporia, Kansas; our former faculty member and Carl Barnes of Topeka Kansas, a former student are spending this week with friends here. Both will appear in the "Mikado" in the respective parts played by them last year. Mr. Fred R. Hesser of Beloit Kansas will play the part filled by Fred Reed last year.

The play to be given by the Seniors has been selected and the different parts assigned. They will soon begin to study and interpret Shakespeare with greater zeal than ever before.

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